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SUBJECT: DISABLED VETERANS INCIDENT IN CAN THO

1. WHAT WOULD HAVE BEEN A MINOR INCIDENT INVOLVING ONE
(OF THREE) CAN THO DISABLED VETERANS FACTIONS EARLY MORNING
6 FEBRUARY UNFORTUNATELY RESULTED IN THE WOUNDING OF 11
POLICE AND FIVE VETERANS. THREE POLICE DIED LATER IN HOSPITAL.
43 VETERANS AND THE FORMER CAPTAIN WHO IS REGIONAL HEAD OF
THE VETERANS' GROUP ARE BEING DETAINED BY POLICE.

2. INCIDENT DEVELOPED OVER LONG-STANDING DISPUTE BETWEEN
CITY AND EX-CAPT. CAO VAN MUON LED VETERANS' GROUP OVER
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SMALL PLOT OF LAND WHICH VETERANS' GROUP WISHES TO USE FOR

VARIOUS PURPOSES, INCLUDING EVENTUAL CONSTRUCTION OF AN "INDUSTRIAL PARK." CITY DOES NOT ACCEPT VETERANS' CLAIM TO LAND AND RECENTLY BEGAN CONSTRUCTION OF PUBLIC PARK AS PART OF EFFORT TO CLEAN UP CITY. ABOUT 50 VETERANS PARTICIPATING IN 5 FEBRUARY DEMONSTRATION AGAINST PRC OVER PARACELS ISSUE MOVED ON TO TAKE POSSESSION OF LAND. DAY OF CONSULTATIONS BETWEEN PROVINCE CHIEF AND CITY AND PROVINCE COUNCILS AND LOWER HOUSE REPRESENTATIVES FOLLOWED. GENESIS OF ACTION, WHICH BEGAN ABOUT 1:00 A.M. 6 FEBRUARY, IS STILL UNCLEAR. HOWEVER, AT LEAST ONE M-26 GERNADE WAS REPORTEDLY THROWN BY VETERANS CAUSING POLICE CASUALTIES. VETERANS WERE REPORTEDLY WOUNDED EITHER BY GERNADE OR POLICE WEAPONS AND BEATINGS AFTER GERNADE EXPLODED. TILL THEN INCIDENT APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN HANDLED REASONABLY SKILLFULLY BY LOCAL AUTHORITIES. THERE IS NO INDICATION THAT VETERANS' ACTION HAS MUCH SUPPORT FROM OTHER VETERANS' GROUPS OR PUBLIC. CALM PREVAILS IN CITY.

3. VETERANS: GROUP INVOLVED IS MR IV AFFILIATE OF THE VIETNAM DISABLED VETERANS ASSOCIATION, 57 NGUYEN THONG STREET, SAIGON, HEADED BY NGUYEN DINH.

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